



ANTI-PLASMODIUM COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE

Abstract of the Disclosure

Compositions that inhibit the binding of *Plasmodium falciparum* to erythrocytes are provided. More particularly, antibodies specific for *Plasmodium falciparum* binding proteins and blocking peptides that prevent the binding of *Plasmodium falciparum* are included in the present invention. The methods provided utilize the antibody and peptide compositions provided herein and include methods for the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of *Plasmodium falciparum* diseases such as malaria as well as methods for the detection of *Plasmodium falciparum* in biological samples and culture media.